

CLAIMS

I claim:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently amended) The adjustable tie strap as set forth in claim [1] 18, wherein: (a) said ratchet teeth are protrusions oriented transverse to said web.

4. (Currently amended) The adjustable tie strap as set forth in claim [1] 18, wherein: (a) said fastener is integral with said first web end.

5. (Currently amended) The adjustable tie strap as set forth in claim [1] 18, wherein: (a) said fastener includes a flexible tongue; and (b) said pawl is located on said tongue said pawl being substantially the same width as said teeth.

6. (Currently amended) The adjustable tie strap as set forth in claim 5, further including: (a) an anchor tab extending from said fastener in spaced relation to said release tab.

7. (Cancelled)

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8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently amended) The adjustable tie strap as set forth in claim [7] 21, wherein:

(a) said fastener includes a top wall, a bottom wall and a pair of side walls;

(b) said top wall being disposed parallel to said elongated narrow web, said top wall further including a flexible tongue; and

(c) said pawl is located on said tongue.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently amended) The adjustable tie strap as set forth in claim [14] 18, wherein: (a) ~~said web includes a plurality of spaced apart holes formed therethrough~~ said holes having a diameter at least smaller than one half the width of the pawl. [.]

16. (Currently amended) The adjustable strap of claim [14] 18 ~~further comprising and wherein~~ said edges thereof having a plurality of spaced apart ratchet teeth each of said ratchet ratchet teeth having a base a body portion and an upper tooth surface each of said body portions forming an acute angle with said base.

17. (Currently amended) The adjustable tie strap as set forth in claim [7] 21, wherein said ratchet ratchet teeth comprise a shoulder side and a sloped ramp side, said shoulder side being generally orthogonal to the web and faces said fastener while said sloped ramp side faces said second end.

18. (New) An adjustable tie strap, comprising:

- (a) an elongated narrow web having first and second ends;
- (b) said web having a first edge and a second edge extending from said first and second ends, said web having between said edges and said ends thereof a plurality of spaced apart ratchet teeth each ratchet tooth having a base and an upper tooth surface, said base of said teeth forming a substantially closed surface between said edges and said ends, wherein said web includes a plurality of spaced apart holes formed therethrough, said holes being sized such that said pawl cannot be received by said hole;
- (c) said first end including a fastener having an aperture;
- (d) said fastener including a pawl positioned to engage one of said teeth to prevent withdrawal of said web from said fastener when said second end is inserted through said aperture; and

(e) a release tab coupled with said fastener for flexing said fastener to disengage said pawl from said one of said teeth for releasing said web from said fastener.

19. (New) The adjustable tie strap as set forth in claim 18, wherein said ratchet teeth comprise a shoulder side and a sloped ramp side, said shoulder side being generally orthogonal to the web and faces said fastener while said sloped ramp side faces said second end.

20. (New) The adjustable tie strap as set forth in claim 18, wherein said ratchet teeth comprise a shoulder side and a sloped ramp side, said shoulder side being generally orthogonal to the web and faces said fastener while said sloped ramp side faces said second end.

21. (New) An adjustable tie strap, comprising:

- (a) an elongated narrow web having first and second ends and a top surface and a bottom surface, wherein said web includes a plurality of spaced apart holes formed therethrough, said holes being sized such that a pawl cannot be received by said hole;
- (b) said web including on a surface thereof a plurality of spaced apart ratchet teeth;
- (c) said first end including a fastener having an aperture, said aperture being disposed such that when said second end of said web passes through said aperture said bottom surface of said web contacts said top surface of said web;
- (d) said fastener including a pawl positioned to engage one of said teeth to prevent withdrawal of said web from said fastener when said second end is inserted through said

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aperture; and

(e) a release tab and an anchor tab positioned in spaced relation coupled with said fastener, and said release tab being positioned to flex said fastener to disengage said pawl from said one of said teeth for releasing said web from said fastener.

22.(New) The adjustable tie strap according to claim 21, wherein said holes having a diameter at least smaller than one half the width of the pawl.

23.(New) The adjustable tie strap according to claim 21, wherein said edges having a plurality of spaced apart ratchet teeth each of said ratchet teeth having a base a body portion and an upper tooth surface each of said body portions forming an acute angle with said base.